

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:35 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5168.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMBATING PIRACY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ongoing efforts to combat piracy on the high seas, after receiving testimony from Michele A. Flournoy, Under Secretary for Policy, and Vice Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN, Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense; Stephen D. Mull, Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; and James Caponiti, Acting Deputy Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

PIRACY ON THE HIGH SEAS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded a hearing to examine piracy on the high seas, focusing on protecting our ships, crews, and passengers, after receiving testimony from Roy Kienitz, Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy; Rear Admiral Brian M. Salerno, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security, and Stewardship; Theresa Walen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs; Philip J. Shapiro, Liberty Maritime Corporation, Lake Success, New York; and Captain Richard Phillips, Underhill, Vermont, and Michael A. Perry, Riverview, Florida, both of the Maersk Alabama.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Daniel B. Poneman, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Warner, and David B. Sandalow, to be Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Domestic Policy, who was introduced by Senator Lugar, both of the Department of Energy, and Rhea S. Suh, to be Assistant Secretary, and Michael L. Connor, to be Commissioner of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine expanding health care coverage, after receiving testimony from Stuart M. Butler, Heritage

Foundation, John Castellani, Business Roundtable, Gary Claxton, and Diane Rowland, both of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, Donald A. Danner, National Federation of Independent Business, Jennie Chin Hansen, AARP, Karen Ignagni, America's Health Insurance Plan, R. Bruce Josten, United States Chamber of Commerce, Len Nichols, New America Foundation, Ron Pollack, Families USA, Sandy Praeger, National Association of Insurance Commissioners, Sara Rosenbaum, George Washington School of Public Health and Health Services, Raymond C. Scheppach, National Governors Association, Scott Serota, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, and Andy Stern, Service Employees International Union, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Alan B. Krueger, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy, William V. Corr, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Demetrios J. Marantis, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 345, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2012, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the "Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2009";

S. 954, to authorize United States participation in the replenishment of resources of the International Development Association;

S. 955, to authorize United States participation in, and appropriations for the United States contribution to, the African Development Fund and the Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative, to require budgetary disclosures by multilateral development banks, to encourage multilateral development banks to endorse the principles of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative;

S. 838, to provide for the appointment of United States Science Envoys;

S. Res. 49, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the importance of public diplomacy;

S. Res. 84, urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt;

S. Con. Res. 19, expressing the sense of Congress that the Shi'ite Personal Status Law in Afghanistan violates the fundamental human rights of women and should be repealed; and

The nominations of Johnnie Carson, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Ivo